



FRIENDSHIP FORCE NEWSLETTER

SANTA BARBARA SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2018

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

With California wildfires of great concern, we are all grateful that Santa Barbara County has not been directly affected by this round of devastating fires. I hope you have been able to take advantage of our warm evenings for some outdoor entertaining and long walks.

Our Sweden Ambassadors arrive on September 19. The Journey coordinators for the Sweden group have been busy getting a program together and managing the myriad of program *details and travel arrangements.*

See the Sweden journey schedule and signup sheet for events on pages 7-8.

We are immensely indebted to Roberta and George Lehtinen, Stan and Terry Scrivner, and Pam Vestal for all of their efforts. All FFSB members are welcome to the farewell dinner and party on Monday, September 24. It is going to be a lovely event, complete with a local band and delicious food. So, put on your dancing shoes and meet Friendship Force Ambassadors from across the globe.

Anne Gray and Jan Inouye are making "welcome leis" that will be given to the Swedish ambassadors as they arrive in Santa Barbara! Long-lasting Maglite flashlights, embossed with "Friendship Force Santa Barbara," will also be given as gifts to them. (As a reminder, the flashlights will be available at our September program meeting for \$20 each, for use as gifts to your friends and to hosts as you travel with Friendship Force in the future.)

Our club of "Friendship" is especially important as we encourage and show concern for our fellow members. As you know, we've lost a very dear and special member, Jack Orr. Mary Orr appreciates the cards and phone calls and expressions of care and love from our members. Pat Burkard is now home and is safely walking with a walker since her broken leg has healed nicely; she is still fairly homebound, so phone calls and visits are still welcome. Rickey Farbman recently got out of the hospital and is recovering at home. I personally want to thank everyone for taking the time to



reach out in friendship to each other.

As your president, I participate in webinars and tele-conferences with our regional reps and other West Coast clubs. Being able to communicate directly with other clubs has provided useful information. Honestly, Santa Barbara seems to be one of the top clubs in our region, if I do say so myself! I've submitted a completed questionnaire, with the expertise of long standing FFSB members, to FFI, which will help them assign International journeys in appropriate time frames for each club.

I hope to see many of you at our September 10 planning meeting.

In Friendship,
Linda Sadie Williams



**KINDERTRANSPORT STATUE
LIVERPOOL STREET STATION IN LONDON**

At our July program meeting Mike Wolff enthralled us with the story of his family's flight from Nazi Germany and their efforts to find a home in the United States. Mike's saga began in 1939, at age 3, when he joined one of the Kinderstransports that gathered unaccompanied Jewish children and got them out of Germany. Kindertransport (Children's Transport) was the informal name of a series of rescue efforts that brought refugee Jewish children to Great Britain from Nazi Germany in 1938-1940. After the Kristallnacht program, the British government agreed to allow children under the age of 17 to enter Great Britain.

Mike was sent to London where he was met by the Ness family who took him to their

MIKE WOLFF'S ESCAPE FROM NAZI

GERMANY VIA KINDERTRANSPORT

home in Glasgow, Scotland. Mike's family's story is one of numerous attempts by the mother and father to get out of Germany, finally achieving visas to Bolivia, the only country that would receive them. Meanwhile, young Mike wholly adopted his foster parents and would not even respond to his father when he came to see him in Liverpool. Eventually in 1940, Mike made the trip with his father to Bolivia. There Mike did not at first recognize his mother. Finally the family was able to secure visas to Memphis, Tennessee, and eventually moved to San Francisco.

Mike's story of how he lost contact with his beloved foster family but through chance encounters was able to find them again and how he eventually came to Santa Barbara as an engineer is a captivating, moving one. His whole story is available in the book **Full Circle: a young boy's escape from Nazi Germany and his reunion with family**

(CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 1916).

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Domestic and International Inbound and Outbound Exchanges in 2018 & beyond

September 18-25, 2018 – Inbound from Heisenborg, Sweden , Pam Vestal, Lehtinens and Terry Scrivner (HCs)

November 8-15, 2018 – Inbound from Milwaukee, WI, Karolyn Hanna and Mary Wolthausen, HCs

March 2019 – Inbound from Moscow, Russia, HC needed

May 2019 –Outbound with FFLA to British Columbia, Metro Vancouver, and Victoria, Canada, Sandy Hartley (AC)

October 2019 – Outbound to Hartford, CT, Anne Gray and Barbara Rose (ACs)

Late 2019 - Outbound to Tuxla-Gutierrez, Mexico, AC needed

September 2020, Outbound to Sarasota, FL, AC needed

2020 – Outbound to Tucson, AZ, AC needed

2019 FFI World Conference

July 23-27, 2019 , Boulder, CO

Planning and Program Meetings, Social Events:

Planning Meeting:

Monday, September 10, 7:00 p.m.

Join us at the home Sandy Grasso-Boyd and Bill Boyd
2430 Calle Montilla, SB

Program Meeting:

Goleta Public Library

Monday, September 17, 7:00 p.m.

Share your Ancestry - hosted by Bill and Bonnie Dutton. **–More information on the last page of this newsletter**

Social Events:

Monday, September 25 5pm to 8pm,

Farewell dinner Potluck with Sweden ambassadors at Mary Wolthausen's club house. **Signup info on Page 8**



friendship force
INTERNATIONAL

READY, SET, SAIL! FESTIVAL AT SEA

For the ocean cruise of a lifetime and a fantastic Journey around South America, join FFI President Jeremi Snook and fellow International members on a **15-day Festival at Sea Cruise around Argentina, Patagonia, the Falkland Islands, and Chile, February 21-March 8, 2019.**

The voyage begins with two days in Buenos Aries and a day in Montevideo, Uruguay, and then stops at ports of call in Patagonia and the Falkland Islands. The trip around Cape Horn is one of the greatest cruising experiences in the world (remember the harrowing stories of sailors rounding the Horn!) and the visit to the island of Terra del Fuego is unique. The cruise experience includes spectacular scenery (fjords, glaciers, waterfalls, volcanoes), wildlife (penguins, eagles, whales), and the unique Patagonian culture of sheep and cattle ranching. The two-week voyage includes workshops and team-building activities focused on the Friendship Force organization.

For an account of previous FFSB members' adventures on the Festival at Sea, see the FFSB Newsletter of July-Aug. 2017 on our website.

Prices start at about \$2700 and go up depending on the location of the ship cabin and amenities. For more information – but hurry! – go to friendshipforce.org and select Festival at Sea. Time is of the essence: final payments are due by Sept. 15, 2018.

FESTIVITIES AT THE POLO FIELD



It was a dark and stormy night.... No wait! The August 12 FFSB social was a perfect Carpinteria weather day at the Polo Field where twenty-two FFSBers gathered for "Return to the Polo Field." Two large, shaded picnic tables were commandeered and adorned with festive tablecloths provided by Terry Scrivner. Delicious wraps, sandwiches, homemade potato chips, and adult beverages were purchased from the Polo Grill; cookies made by Terry and Roberta rounded out the meal.

Polo matches give the ladies a chance to sport their finest millinery and many of us did so, although the fascinators made famous by English royals and Kentucky Derby attendees were,

alas, totally absent. Perhaps the California sun makes wider brims more practical. After a beautifully sung national anthem, the game started and we all watched the ponies and riders thunder up and down the field closely followed by a buzzing drone capturing all the action. This was the USPA America Cup Final matching local Restoration Hardware against Lucchese (named after their riding boot sponsor.) Polo players need several talents to be successful: horsemanship, physical agility and skill, bravery, and strength--all of which were on display as the teams battled it out. Lucchese trailed most of the match then almost caught up to the home team in the exciting final period, but then couldn't quite force a tie and were defeated 10-9.



Some of us went out to do the half-time Divot Stomp spurred on by the promise of free champagne. Divots were not the only items on the field as Terry's special snickerdoodles recipe called for making a "divot"

in the center of each cookie and adding a piece of Snickers candy bar. Curious and delicious!

Everyone enjoyed the afternoon and the uninitiated appreciated the Polo Magazine, which explained the rules and offered some insight into this exciting but less well-known sport. Maybe a "threepeat" is in order sometime in the future so that more of us can get acquainted with the sport of kings, and maybe FFSB members can treat friends to this hidden Carpinteria gem.



SURPRISING DALLAS

by Sandy and Ron Hartley

Do you think of Dallas as a sterile, modern Texas-size megapolis and Fort Worth as a relic of a by-gone era of the history of the American West? If so, you are in for a great surprise! In May Ron and Sandy Hartley joined the Global Journey to Dallas to savor the art, architecture, and other cultural activities of these cities once known mainly for oil corporations and cowboys. The North Texas region is the third largest arts economy in the nation after metro DC and Philadelphia. Our journey began with the welcome party at the Dallas



Children's Theater where we met a fellow ambassador from Washington whom we had previously traveled with. Also on this journey was a high school friend of Sandy's from Lincoln, Nebraska.

We did and saw so many wonderful things it is difficult to share them all with you. The usual museums – the Amon Carter, Kimbell Art, Crow, Nasher, and the Dallas Museum of Art were on the list, of course. The Arboretum was a favorite of both Ron and Sandy. We went to plays, dance performances, and concerts. At all these venues the architecture was discussed while we marveled at it. Sandy's my favorite was the Perot Science Museum. One enters through tree canopies and free-form gardens that bring you to nature then enter the building through a glass- enclosed escalator. What impressed us so much was the 74% sustainable use of rainwater collected from the roof and used for non-potable needs, LED lighting, solar-powered water heating, and skylights for natural sunlight. Definitely a Green Building! To contrast with all the high-tech and skyscrapers we went to the Fort Worth Stock Market in the old western town with a longhorn cattle drive down the main street.



It was a wonderful Journey full of cultural events and friendly

encounters. The Dallas FF members could not have been more hospitable and friendlier. We truly made new friends.





Tribute to Jack Orr

There are few people in this world who cannot be described even using all the words in the dictionary, and yet, there are no words. Jack Orr was one of them. He was kind, considerate, warm-hearted, and outgoing, to cite only a few of the myriad words associated with him. He was the kind of person you liked immediately and then forever. When you saw him anywhere, you couldn't help walking toward him, never away from him. His unending good humor and shining smile were unmistakable, irresistible, and magnetic. He brought good cheer to the

world with easy charm. His positivity and beaming personality was a lighthouse if the night were dark. Jack gave meaning to the words Friendship Force and will be missed more than words could ever convey.

Jack Orr hailed from Darby, Pennsylvania, where he played football and ran track in high school. He enlisted in the Air Force after graduation and was stationed in both Dover, Delaware, and Chateauroux, France. Jack trained at Sheppard AFB in Texas in a field new at the time called Automatic Data Processing. This training served him well during most of the rest of his career.

Jack attended Temple University at night while holding down two jobs and helping to raise two children. After getting his degree, he worked at increasingly more responsible positions in computer operation, programming, systems analysis, and project management at various companies. In 1977, Jack became the National Technical Support Manager for the Infonet Division of Computer Sciences Corporation. This position brought him to California where, in 1990, he started his own company, Office USA/Perfect Image in Thousand Oaks, California.



Jack met his wife Mary via Match.com and in November 2008, they were wed on Catalina Island. Mary introduced Jack to FFSB, which gave him the opportunity to meet many people, both in FFSB and through the Exchanges to Lake Hartwell, Colorado, South Africa, New Zealand, and an international exchange to Bermuda in 2016. Jack and Mary served as co-presidents of FFSB during 2011 and 2012. During their tenure they aided in creating our website and helped get official FFSB shirts and new business cards.

Jack enjoyed people, tennis, travel, ceramics, and cooking. He was a 17-year member of AA and made it his life's work to mentor others struggling with sobriety; his success is legendary. In spite of, or maybe because of, his own past, he bravely offered to be the bartender at FFSB events.

Memories of Jack begin with the appreciation of his role in FFSB and his upbeat personality: Friendship Force was so fortunate to have Jack as a member; we will miss him so much! Jack always had a warm and friendly smile that included everybody; he never met a stranger. In fact, his middle name (or nickname) could have been "Friendly." One of Jack's goals was to greet at least twenty new people each day. As one person observed, "Jack Orr was one of my favorite people; I loved his great hugs and his sense of humor." The story goes that if you were hosts to Jack and Mary, Jack would leave a quarter on the counter in the restroom. One of Jack's favorite expressions was "perhaps you're right," used especially with regard to politics. "We really loved this man—the only man I have ever known who would pick up the phone to say thank you for the lovely evening and for being such dear friends."



**Schedule for Inbound Journey from Sweden
September 18 – 25, 2018**

	Morning	Midday	Evening	Notes
Tues 18	AirBus from Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)	4:30 – 6:15 Arrival depending on which bus the Ambassadors can catch.	Dinner with Home Host	LAX 12:15p.m. SAS Flight 939 (Stockholm ARN to Los Angeles LAX direct) T. Scrivner will meet at LAX
Wed 19	9:00 – 10:30 Welcome breakfast Live Oak Café	11:00 – 12:30 Trolley Snack or Lunch on own 2:30p.m. Courthouse 3:30 Chocolate tasting	Sall dinner party (A)	Reserved Trolley at Visitor Center Corner of Garden and Cabrillo Live Oak: 2220 Bath at Pueblo Chocolats du CaliBressan 1100State
Thurs 20	Options: Seaside Garden, Orchid Farm, Friends of Library, shopping, beach	Lunch on own 2:00 – 3:30 Exotic Fruit Ranch 3:30 Downtown 5:00 – 6:00 “Happy Hour”	Dinner on own in Carpinteria: Palms, Clementine’s, Siam Elephant (Thai), Gianfranco’s, Corktree Cellars, Zooker’s	Carpinteria Day Happy Hour at Scrivner’s home 4830 3rd Street See Carpinteria Info booklet
Fri 21	10:00 – 11:00 Direct Relief 6100 Wallace Becknell Drive	Wine Tour and Tasting Santa Ynez Lunch at winery.	Free time Options: Solvang, Los Olivos, Cold Springs Tavern, Santa Ynez	Vincent Vineyards 2370 N. Refugio Rd, Santa Ynez Choice of sandwiches for lunch
Sat 22	Farmer’s Market on Cota at Garden Option: Museum of Natural History	Funk Zone (options: wine tasting, MOXI (science exploration museum), shopping)	Take home host to dinner	Free day
Sun 23	Mission or church service 10:00 Arts Crafts Open 1:00–4:00	Harbor/wharf (lunch on own) Whale watching (option)	Small dinner party (B)	Museum at 129 Castillo
Mon 24	10:00 – 12:00 Botanic Garden Open 9:00–3:00 Carriage and Western Art Museum (option)	Box lunch	5:00 - 8:00 Farewell dinner at Mary Wolthausen (Pot Luck)	Music by Americana Cats
Tue 25	8:30 Depart for LAX from Goleta AirBus station			750 Technology Dr., Goleta Check in 15 min. before boarding

Reservations

Sweden Journey
September 18 – 25, 2018

Name _____

Phone: _____

Date	Event		Number	Individual Cost	Total Cost	Space Limits
Wed Sept 18	Welcome breakfast			\$25		40
	Private trolley tour (2 hr)			\$17		32
	Courthouse tour			\$5		no
	Chocolate tasting			\$4		no
Thur Sept 20	Happy Hour in Carp			free!		no
Fri Sept 21	Santa Ynez wine tour and tasting			\$25		no
	Lunch at winery	Vegetarian		\$12		no
		Turkey–cranberry				
Tri tip						
Mon Sept 24	Botanic Garden			\$8		no
	Picnic lunch			\$16		no
	Pot Luck Farewell dinner			\$12		no

Note: Call Roberta Lehtinen at 805.570.3068 or 805.684.0072 as soon as you can to check on space availability for the limited events. Send checks **made out to "FFSB"** to Roberta at 1574 Seacoast Way, Carpinteria, CA 93013. Deadline to receive checks is **September 5.**

Two Global FFI journeys

RUSSIA – A DIFFERENT VIEW!

The Journey “Frozen Beauty in Lake Baikal...” March 9-23, 2019, includes Moscow and St. Petersburg as well. Beginning with four days of day-hosting by FF Krasnogorsk and the final days of the Russian Mardi Gras, this Journey travels to Irkutsk and the beautiful, legendary frozen Lake Baikal. There is a 3-day homestay with FF Ulan-Ude then the Trans-Siberian train to St. Petersburg and four days with FF hosts. Of course, visits to the Hermitage and Faberge museums, Peter and Paul Fortress, and the Amber Room in the Tsarskoye Selo palace are included. Check out www.friendshipforce.org, *Journeys, Europe & Eurasia*, and then “Frozen Beauty” for details.

ICELAND -- It's Not Too Late!

To discover Iceland and the Northern Lights, Nov. 1-5, 2018! This is an incredible Journey to Reykjavik, Iceland. It is a small group Journey concentrating on interaction with locals and cultivating the development of FF clubs and members.

Local activities include visiting a geothermal-powered pizzeria and brewery (wow!) and a local farm/greenhouse for a farmer's bistro lunch. The itinerary of the trip maximizes opportunities to view the magnificent natural phenomenon of the Northern Lights (not guaranteed, but highly likely). There will be a Jeep tour of the landscape, relaxation at the Blue Lagoon Spa, and private walking tour of the capital Reykjavik.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, so you must act fast to catch a space. See friendshipforce.org, *Journeys, Europe & Eurasia*, then *Discover Iceland* – but hurry, only 5 spaces remain.



ARE YOU WHO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

“Share Your Ancestry” is the project of our September 17 program meeting. If you have had your DNA tested, bring the results to share with other FFSB members at the meeting. If you have not yet had your DNA tested, come to the meeting and share what you know—or think you know—about your genealogy.

This will be a really fun way to get to know each other better and to exchange family anecdotes. Bill and Bonnie Dutton will host the program.



Happy Birthday to:

September 18	Bonnie Dutton
September 19	Paula Gregoire-Jones
September 23	Sandra Grasso-Boyd
October 3	Pat Burkard
October 8	Agris Petersons
October 16	Bill Dutton
October 31	Sandy Hartley

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